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ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION,

Baron Nordenskield, the well-known explorer, whose journey across Greenland has made him famous, now proposes to undertake an expedition to the Antarctic regions which will occupy the summer season of 1801. These regions re main practically unexplored. A South Polar winter is supposed to be much more severe than an Arctic winter, but since no man has ever spent the winter months in the South Polar Seas, the facts in the case have never been properly collated. Evidently it will be interesting to compare meteorological observations near the North with those taken near the South pole.

We often speak of the antipodes. There are many allusions in contemperary literature indicating not only striking comparisons but contrasts in regard to the conditions of life and manners in northern and southern latitudes. These conditions have never been verified. The facts which have been given out relative to the South Frigid Zone have a certain color of uncertainty. They are, however, sufficient to stimulate the imagination and to fire the desire of the adventurous, but not enough to satisfy the natural and proper thirst for knowledge in regard to human progress and the phenomena of the physical world for which this century is distinguished.

The only expedition of any consequence in this direction was that of the Antarctic ice. Nordenskield believes that he can make that field reveal its secrets. He thinks that a sledge party can cross Victoria Land and approach the South Pole to ascertain whether the earth's axis revolves on pivots that at the South, as at the North, are covered by eternal glaciers.

There is no question that from Nor-Senskiold the best results may be expected. He is not only an experiencedtraveler, but he is a Polar explorer of the highest rank. It is not known that quadruped has ever existed and information is wanting on that suggestion as to the distribution of the mammal tribes of animals. The phenomena of .volcanoes and icebergs in such close proximity as that which is possibly discoverable in that southern world is not only worthy of observation, but also of careful investigation and report.

#### WORSE THAN FATALISM,

It is too bad for belief. Men are diminishing in height. We used to go to theology for all the kinds of knowledge which could not otherwise be ascertained. But in this occult field science has been a ruthless intruder.

A Frenchman has been investigating men's stature at different periods. He has not only brought his discoveries within the regions of history and poetry, but he has also brought them within the range of science. Arithmetical calculation based upon

indubitable facts is not enough for a Frenchman. This particular statistician has not only explored the past of the human race, but he prognosticates its future and has determined when the race will finally disappear.

In 1610 the average height of men was five feet nine inches. In 1790 it had dwindled to five feet and six inches. In 1820 it was five feet five inches, and at the present time it is asserted to be five feet three inches.

Founding his calculation on these data this French mathematician figures that men were originally sixteen feet and nine inches tall. In Charlemagne's time they had been brought down to nearly nine feet, which was still a very respectable stature and which amazingly helps to account for the marvelous and redoubtable deeds of the olden time. But the measurements of later years quite change this record.

Pursuing his calculations this Frenchman shows that, by the inexorable law of diminution, in the future, the race will decrease and shorten until adults will reach only the stature of one foot, and that it will afterward wholly disappear. It must be acknowledged that this is a bad outlook, but it is no worse than other and equally unreliable prophecies.

## RANDOLPH CHURCHILL.

The enigmatical personage of Eng lish polities at present is Lord Randolph Churchill. All the other well-known -public men of England have definite positions and are credited with distinct and determinate political characters Churchill alone is named as a tory and classed as a radical.

No one who is well-informed won ders at what is occasionally brought to light as sensational and errratic in the course of Labouchere, for example Labouchere is aristocratic by family relationship and tradition, radical by nature, accidental circumstances and per sonal history, and eccentric both from choice and the necessities of his peculiar social and political affiliations. But Churchill's is not a similar case. He has had no past history to be condoned. He has formed no dublous alliances. If his utterances have not al-

ways been discreet they involved no interest of which Lord Randolph was not the sole guardian.

Lord Churchill is what in this country we would call an independent. His relations to Mr. Parnell have always scuse of fairness. On a former occasion it is known that he had a very close understanding with the Irish leader. There is no reason, therefore, why his later defense of the Paynellites and his arraignment of the Government in connection with the report of the Times' Commission should occasion

Among politicians who are partisans men like Churchill will be always held act and move as the machine does, and, accordingly, what they say will often be a surprise and a disappointment. But, after all, he belongs to a class of public men who are increasing from year to year and from whom the reforms of the future may be expected.

THE BALTIMORE Sen wants to know, you know, just how Senator Gorman stands in regard to ballot reform and various other things. The San heretofore has been an ardent supporter of the Senator; hence this move looks as though he were losing his grip on the leadership of the Democratic party in Maryland, for the Sun invariably seeks to be on the strong and winning side. regardless of any other consideration. It is remarkable how the Sans and Stars of newspaperdom shine and twinkle for revenue only.

Trient is a proposition before the Ways and Means Committee to increase the duty on oranges. When Grossmith was last in this country with Rosina Vokes and appeared in the "Pantomime Rehearsal" he used to convulse audiences by harrowing the stagemanager's soul with such questions as "Why have fairles?" "Why have demons:" and now, outside of a play, the question not unnaturally arises, Why have a duty on oranges?

THE SPLENDID weather of yesterday, which was general throughout the country, gave uninterrupted opportunity for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Irishmen in the main looked worthy of the weather and the occasion, and they were doubtless stimulated to the smiling condition in which they everywhere appeared by the present brightness of the outlook in Ireland's political history.

BISMARCK, IT SEEMS, is not a friend of beer. He says: "Beer drinking makes men stupid, lazy and worthless, It is the cause of all the democratic hot-house politics men talk over ft." Good corn brandy, he thinks, would be better. Doubtless the great Chancellor Chailenger, which accomplished no thinks men would get too drunk on more than to penetrate the field of corn brandy to talk politics or make trouble of any kind.

THE HOSTILITY which exists between the Sun and the World of New Yorkis amusing to outsiders. One of them announced a big fake for its Sunday edition, whereupon the other ran out an extra on Saturday afternoon, containing its fake story of the same thing. These metropolitan methods are quite in line with those attributed to the mythical Arizona Kicker

THE EULOGIES UPON Judge Kelley's in the far southern latitudes man or character and career all point in one direction. They indicate a man of fearless honesty and positive opinions. It is not necessary that his every method and utterance should be agreed with. But even his enemies will admit that he had a broad, intellectual grasp which never belittled the subject on which he

ABOUT THE LIVELIEST news articles published these days in the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette are the sketches of the pioneers of the region which lies between the lakes and the Ohio River. They are not only interesting reading, but much safer to publish than forged contracts anent ballot boxes.

THERE ARE symptoms going to show that the diplomatic positions which American statesmen fill abroad are beginning to be tiresome, especially to men accustomed to activity in affairs. The latest instance of a sufferer from diplomatic ennui is Minister Palmer at the Court of Spain.

In some quarrens it is held that the questions before the House Committee on Elections are merely matters of arithmetic and counting, and it is even hinted that the members of that committee are not all experts in computation. The results they arrive at suit one side only.

THE FLOODS SEEM to be falling in the deluged districts of the Mississippl River. All the same it will be found that hundreds and perhaps thousands of unfortunate sufferers have had to aban don their homes, and in their cases, as the waters subside, benevolence should

Ex Assemblyman Daniel W. Tal-MAGE has recovered a verdict of \$20, 000 against the New York World for libel. If every one the World has libeled should recover that amount, the big Pulitzer building would never be

### MY FIDDLE.

My fiddle? Well, I kind o' keep her handy, don't you know? Though I aint so much inclined to trom. the strings and switch the bow.
As I was before the timber of my elbows

As I was before the Gracer of Lay
got so dry,
And my fingers was more limber-like and
caperish and spry.
Yet I can plouk and plunk and plink
And tune her up and play,
And just lean back and laugh and wink

My playin's only middlin'-tunes I picked The kind o' sort o' fiddlin' the folks call

"The Old Fat Gal" and "Ryestraw" and
"My Sallor's on the Sea"
Is the contillions that I saw when the ch'ige is left to me.
And so I plunk and plonk and plink
And resum up my bow,
And play the tunes that makes you think

The devil's on your toe That's how this dear old fiddle's won my heart's endurin' love! From the strings across the middle to the

From the strings across the middle to the screechin' up above—

From her apera, over bridge, and to the ribbon 'round the throat,
She's a wooth' cools' pigeon, singin' "Love me" in every note!

And so I pat her neek and plink
Her strings with lovin' hands,
And, list'nin' clost, I sometimes think
She kind o' understands!

-James Whiteomb Riley,

A SOCIAL SENSATION.

"Tickets, \$2," for an Entertainment at Mrs. John Wanamaker's. Invitations are out inviting Washingtop's "Four Hundred" to attend musicale at the residence in this city of been of a kind that did credit to his Mrs. John Wanamaker. At the bottom of the invitation is a legend, which runs Tickets, \$2. Can be procured at

Brentano's."
Nothing is said about the entertainment's being given for charitable purposes, and plain people wonder if charging an admission fee to an entertainment in a private house the latest "swagger" custom. If i should become common it would prove a serious detriment to the interests of the regular professional houses of enin condemnation. They will not always held the regular professional houses of en-in condemnation. They will not always tertainment. The invitation is creating something of a social sensation.

Miss Carrie Harrold of Seventeenth street has returned from a brief but pleasant visit to her friend, Miss Littig, of Cathedral street, Bultimore,

Alphonse Daudet, probably the most opular living novelist, is thus de-Dandet is one of the most remarkable looking men in Europe.
His head is one of great beauty, exquisitely shapen, long, dark locks falling over a white, broad forehead, eyes as black as any coal, but brilliant with the light of southern suns, the face it-self a perfect oval, a full, dark beard and mustache, and a delicate, finely chiseled mouth."

Professor Laugley, as a result of excriments as to moon temperatures, aken during an eclipse, concludes that the mean temperature of sunlighted soll is not greatly above zero centigrade.

It is rumored that the first volume of of Bismarck's unpublished correspond-ence, extending from 1862 to 1880, is about to be issued, and that the second olume will appear soon after the first.

Ronconi, the well-known singer, who recently, had but one fault-he sang false, and he knew it. The first time he appeared in opera in London with the great basso, Carl Formes, he took Formes aside after the performance and said: "Until this evening, I have never been jealous of any one, but I am jealous of you." "Why?" "Because you sing still more out of tune than I do."

William Rockefeller of the Standard Oll Company kept a fine herd of deer at his former home, near Greenwich, Conn., for a number of years until this winter. His new home at Tarrytown is now completed, and one of his prepara-tions for removal was the sale of his herd of deer. Two of the finest of the herd, a pair of red deer, as large as American elk, he has given to the city of New York for the Central Park menagerie. They are the genuine European red deer, not the misnamed Virginia variety. ginia variety.

In 1857 William Parker, a Liverpoo sailor, aged 26, accompanied by his young wife and two children, took passage on the packet ship William and Mary, bound for Montreal. A short time after the steamer left the Mersey, Parker, who was on the spar deck leaning over the rail, lost his balance and tumbled into the sea. Parker was swept astern and given up for lost. The widow continued her voyage finally settling down in the vicinity Montreal, and, soon finding an ad-mirer, married again. The second marriage was disturbed the other day by the sudden appearance of Parker, who, it seems, had been picked up by a Por-tuguese merchantman bound for South America, and, arriving in that country, resolved to seek his fortune before joining his family.

WIT IN A SMALL WAY He-How can I ever thank you for such a sweet kiss as that?

She—Oh, don't mention it, please.—
Terre Haute Express. There are a good many people who have learned how to swim this winter by going skating.—Burlington Free

Never mind about "tempering the wind to the shorn lamb;" what the shorn lamb is after is some way to raise

"This is a forget me knot," remarked Jawkins, as he looked at the string on his finger and wondered why his wife had tied it there. - Puck.

What Mr. Cleveland said to Editor Jones, who formally nominated him for President—Don't shoot again, my son, until you get your gun loaded.—Judge.

A man with an unmarriageable daughter is in very much the same boat as a bankrupt. He is willing to put his property into the hands of a receiver.—

Burlington Free Press. If the Buffalo people had realized that to Chicago all the fair, noble and heroic naturally tend they would have found their lost heroine by coming here long ago.—Chicago Mail.

"Say, waiter, I reckon you've taken my order all wrong. I ordered a spring chicken and a bottle of '71 claret. Waal, I opine, from the quality of the goods, you've brought me a '71 chicken

and a bottle of spring claret." - hack-There was a man in our town Who thought himself quite wise; He moved into a vacant store And wouldn't advertise. But when he found attachments out, With all his might and main e compromised for forty cents And advertised again.

-Boston Times.

Women Riding Man-Fashion. From the New York Sun.

seems rather odd to Americans that there should be a distinct and well-defined movement on foot in Great Britain against women who wished to ride man-fashion to hounds. Yet there seems to be every reason to believe that a large body of women exist in Great Britain who have this ambition, and certain fashionable tailors are advertising a divided skirt riding habit de signed for these enthusiasts

The Latest Derby Hat,

From the Non York Press. The latest derby hat-the real English fad-has a narrower brim than last year. I was chatting yesterday with a Western man who always wears a wide sombrero, when he said: "All my friends in New York above 40 years of age are near-sighted. They all wear high sitk hats or derbys with narrow brims. They do not realize that it is narrow brimmed hats that ruin their

Not Much From the New York Evening Sun "A will 4,500 years old has been found in Egypt." "You don't say. Any prospect of settling the estate"

Gold in the Wrong Plane.

THE SOCIAL WORLD

Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote gave te third of their series of dinners, followed by a reception, last evening. 'dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cha II. Topper, Speaker and Mrs. Reed Count and Countess Sponneck, Senator and Mrs. J. P. Jones, Senator and Mrs. Hawley, ex-Governor and Mrs. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Herbert, Baron and Bayoness Schomberg, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nevins, Miss Tockerman, Mr. MacNutt, Mr. Edwardes and Mayroyeni

The Whist Club was entertained last evening at Tanglebank, Kalorama avenue, by Mr. and Mrs. Parker Mann.

The residence of Justice Miller, on Highland Terrace, was one of the social centres yesterday afternoon during the hours when Mrs. Miller was informally at home to the numerous friends who called and lingered long in the hospitable rooms. Miss Lucy Corkhill served refreshing cups of tea from a a daintily-spread table in the dining-room. Miss Corkhill will soon leave Washington with Mrs. Touzalin to pend some time at her ranch in the

Colonel Joseph M. Stoddard, the manager of "Lippincott's Magazine," is spending a few days in Washington. He gave a notable dinner last night to General Merrill, Colonel Thomas P.
Ochiltree, Julian Hawthorne, Mellville
Phillip of the Philadelphia Press, Senator Squire of Washington, Nelson
Page of Virginia, Colonel Malcom Johnson of Georgia, James M. Scovel of New Jersey, and M. P. Handy, the President of the Clover Club. The menu has never been surpassed by the inimitable Chamberlin, Haw-thorne told of his many funny experiences abroad as a literary man. Little Phillips of the Press with his nimble wit kept the table in a rosr. Handy is always entertaining, Colonel Scovel told about the battle of "Duncanon," and recited his great speech in the case against the Rev. George Burton, a negro preacher tried for breach of promise. Senator Squire told of his early life with the Remington Arms Company, and of his more recent experiences in Seattle. Colonel Malcolm Johnson and Nelson Page, both famous for their delicate fancy and abounding wit, paid a de-serving tribute to the late Sydney Souler, and related many bright stories of their literary studies at home and abroad. Congressman Corwin of Illinois would have made a much better end man than Dockstader.

Nelson Page, who is interested in the Copyright question before Congress, is writing a dialect story for "Lippincott."

Wade Hampton and John J. Ingalls were expected but sant recreate a late. were expected, but sent regrets at a late hour. Colonel Malcaolm Johnson re-

Mrs. Cleveland has accepted an invitation to visit Mrs. George P. Wet-more of New York, at her Newport residence, during the coming season. Miss Mamie Redfern is slowly conaleseing from a protracted illness and will shortly leave with her mother for Atlantic City. In the early summer Mrs. and Miss Redfern will go to Paris with Mr. Edward Redfern, who was summoned home recently on account of

turned to Baltimore to-day, where he

now resides.

children

The reception given last evening by Colonel and Mrs. John Hay to General Armstrong of Hampton College, was one of the three large entertainments which pleasantly marked St. Patrick's Day

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell gave a party to their young children yesterday from 4 to 7 o'clock, which was attended by a large number of young folks in the neighborhood. General Nicholas Anderson will

entertain a party of friends at dinner tomorrow evening Senator and Mrs. Payne have recently had a visit of several weeks from their married daughter from Brooklyn, who has now gone to Bermuda with her

Mrs. Joseph M. Carey has recovered from her recent severe illnes sufficiently to be out every day, but will leave early next week for Old Point Comfort.

The Owl Club held its final meeting for the season last evening at the real-dence of General Meigs, where the Misses Taylor were the hostesses of the occasion, which proved one of great enjoyment to all present.

# \* AMUSEMENTS.

Rosina Vokes, Miss Rosina Vokes, after an absence of three years, was greeted at the National last evening by one of the largest audiences that has been called out this season. The bill was a triple one. The first, "A Game of Cards," gave Mr. Felix Morris, as The Chevalier de Rocheferrier, an opportunity to do some excellent comedy work. Miss Lombard was a charming Rosa. "The Circus-Rider" and "The Rough Diamond," which followed, seemed designed to exhibit Miss Vokes' versattle abilities. It is not too much to say that ne actress hibit Miss Vokes' versatile abilities. It is not too much to say that ne actress now living can rival her Lady Lucille. No one else can use eyes—her wonderful eyes—heir, hands and lithe figure as she can. The "grand bareback riding act" on the sofa was simply immense, and it aroused, as was inevitable, inextinguishable laughter. As Margery, Lady Engreen, Miss Vokes portrayed, the ignorant unpralished. portrayed the ignorant, unpolished, but noble and affectionate country girl, whose rustic charms had won the heart of an English nobleman. Her dancing in this part, especially the minuet, com-posed by Mr. Ferdinand Gottschalk, were well executed and deserving of the highest praise

She is supported by an excellent com-pany, notable among them being Mr. Courtenay Thorpe, who, as Lord Merton and Sir William Evergreen, showed, himself to be a juvenile actor of the first rank. Mr. Felix Morris, who is the comedian of the company, and whose Consin Joe is a careful presentation of the English country boy, was warmly received, as was also Miss Eleanor Lane, whose Lady Plato was characterized by womanly dignity. The other parts were well taken.

.. The Water Queen" at Albangh's. A thoroughly-pleased and very numerous audience came out from Albaugh's Grand Opera-House last night after witnessing a most enjoyable per-formance in "The Water Queen." The play is old enough to be forgotten by most of us, but is as good as new again, and the unequaled genius of the Kiralfy family—in this instance that of Bolossy Kiralfy—was never better exemplified than in this presentation. The splendor of magmificent stage settings, the flash of pretty girls eyes, the fascination of well-filled fleshings in the mazes of the graceful ballet—all at their best-combine to make this spectacle a most pleasing entertainment. The premier dansuese, Mile. Fraucesina Paris, is a wonderfully agile and graceful phrouettist, and she was admirably set off by a well-drilled and artistic corps de ballet of pretty girls in most fetching though not over elaborate costumes.

Interspersed through the dream-like fairy play are several specialties, every-one a gem, as the audience testified by

the stage, were wonderfully clover, and the Washuer Brothers sang and danced their way right into the audi-ence's affections. Of all the long list of Kiralfy spectacles—Kiralfy Brothers', Imre Kiralfy's and Bolessy Kiralfy's this last is about the eleverest. It will hold the boards at Albaugh's Grand Opera House all the week, with mail-nees Wednesday and Saturday.

Casper, the Youler," at the Bijou Mr. Charles T. Ellis met with a reception at Harris' Bijou Theatre last night that is seldom accorded a com-paratively strange star. Mr. Ellis is not well known in Washington, except as be has been presented to the public by the very glittering compliments he has received elsewhere. In some instances the praise was so warm as to last night showed that nothing that has been said in his favor was unmerited He has a wonderfully-sweet voice, and his dancing and acting are exceedingly

graceful. The play, "Casper the Yodler," reflects credit on its author as showing Mr. Ellis to perfection. Two very clever children are introduced, and the scenes in which Mr. Ellis appears with them are particularly effective and pleasing. His work justifies the claims that have been made for him that he is the successor of J. K. Emmet. The attraction cessor of J. K. Emmet. The attraction will undoubtedly draw good houses all the week.

Valdis Sisters' Company at Kernan's, The attraction at Kernan's this week is a variety performance of the very highest order. There was not a dull moment in the entire entertainment last night, novelty succeeding fanny periods and marvelous feats of human skill, and endurance following music and dancing in rapid succession. The bill is provided by the Valdis Sisters' Vaudeville Company, which contains in its ville Company, which contains in its ranks some of the best variety perform-ers in the country. Of the sisters them-selves it can be said that their wonderful feats on the trapers rotaire have soldom been equaled, while the dive of 100 feet by Miss Lizzie Valdis was truly marvelous.

Napier and Marzello are a wonderful team as gymnastic comedians, and Melville and Stetson are unique dialect comediennes. Belloc is entitled to the title of "Wonder Worker" in his feats of necromancy. The feats of Keller, the legless wonder, were remarkable. Walton and Slavin, in their new spe-cialty, "The Two Opera Singers," cre-ated no little merriment, and every other feature on the programme was above the average. There was a crowded house at the St. Patrick's matinee. The same company will hold the boards al the week, with the usual matinees.

George Wilson's Minstrels. This superb attraction opened an engagement last night at Lincoln Hall and the house was packed to its doors by t thoroughly delighted audience. It is difficult to imagine how an improve-ment could be made in the entertain-ment. Wilson himself is the prince of humorists, and the whole performance is worthy of his name.

The "Derby Day," the first part, is new, elaborate and strikingly handsome. The singing is very good; that by the sextette being encored four times, while every solo received rounds of Applause. The jokes are new and the specialties are novel. There will be a special matinee to morrow.

The Globe Theatre, The Rentz All-Star Specialty Company and Professor H. M. Parker's 'Twenty Thousand Dollar Challenge' Dog Circus opened to a packed house at the globe last night. The leaping dogs are among the best ever seen in this city and are worthy of special men-tion. The same bill will be presented again to-night and at the matinees Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

THE SCIENCE OF THE LULLABY, Dr, Warren G. Priest Says Hypnotism

Is a Fact. From the St. Louis Star-Saulna "This talk of hypnotism," says Dr. Warren G. Priest, "is largely extravagant. Why, you'd think it was a new discovery, when in fact it is an old thing, and it is now being studied scienthing, and it is now being studied scientifically, and the facts put before the people in language devoid of technical jargon. Hypnotism is a fact, and it has been since man has been man. Have you ever seen a mother walk with and rock her baby, all the while soothing it with soft croonings, until it falls to sleep? She is, you may say, hypnotizing the child. Its little mind is stilled by the rocking and the singing. and it becomes passive in the mother'

"The mother's will it is that put the child to sleep, and not the rocking or the crooning. Every motherly lul-laby is a part of a scientific art, though it is so common that no one thinks of its causes. I tell you, the science of com-mon things is the grandest of all studies. It will show one how the simplest acts are related to the grandest forces and principles of nature, and leads to the sublime pantheism that will be the re-ligion of the latter part of the 20th century. The oneness of everything is a doctrine that is growing in favor every day.

THE ORIGIN OF "JAG."

lis Travels and How It Came Into General Use, From the New York Sun.

Some of the members of the American Dialect Society of Harvard College are hunting up words that were in use in various American localities in the eighteenth century, but are now either forgotten or perverted. In a list of words peculiar to New Jersey they include "jag." explaining that its meaning strictly is "a small load."

The expression is, as almost ever body knows, in vogue to-day to signify a condition of rather full intoxication from alcoholic beverages. As used here in New York it does not mean simply "a small load," but rather a large one. It is difficult to determine when this sense was given to it. It is difficult, too, to decide why it should be called a Jerseyism by the Dialect

The word is of Scotch birth, was first spelled "jaug," and then "jagg," and its earliest meaning was a leather bag or pocket. Some men keep their watches in chamois jags. A later meaning was that of a small load of hay or straw. From Scotland it came into use in England as a colloquial term, and then became localized in New Jersey. To-day it is probably in general use throughout the United States,

ACRES AND PAINS all yield to the pain-killing qualities of Salvation Oil. Price 25 Eminent men-Edison, discoverer of tel-ephones, and Dr. Bull of Cough Syrup

Invisible, From the New York Seen "Can I see Mr. Harrison?" "No sir! the President can't be seen "Smaller than ever, ch?"

Free Exhibition of Paintings From the Atchieon Globe.

Occasionally you see a girl with \$5
gold pieces for bangles on her bracelet, and a lonely nickel in her pocketbook.

fairy play are saveral specialties, everyone a gent, as the audience testified by its enthusiastic appliance. The public are invited to inspect the collection of magnificent pictures of geometry in the Rocky and Schirk Mountains, now on free exhibition in the reception by Sablon, the changes being made on room at Willard's Hotel.

A JEALOUS PRINCE, Amadeo's Bride and Her Fitriation-Ugly, Vet Charming,

Mrs. Crangford in London Troth. I saw Amadeo frightfully jealous three years before he was called to hold the sceptre which the "innocent" but jolly Isabella held so unsteadily. He was here on his honeymoon trip with a rather handsome bride, who, having been a good deal cloistered as a school girl in a convent, did not ask better than to see a little life. Her intentions were all right, but she visibly enjoyed the attentions of another prince, who stood on the highest step of a very great throne, and who had the charm of good

throne, and who had the charm of good humor, of a constant flow of animal spirits and of good nature.

The Prince laughed and she laughed; he said something gay, and in the nature of an agreeable truth, and she flung him a rose, which he said deserved to be made the badge of an order. But he did not pin it on his heart. The Duke of Aosta was present, and his eyes, which were very black, showing the white all around the irls, rolled as if in the head of a Christy minstral trains to look form. of a Christy minstrel trying to look fero I never saw an uglier man than tha

royal bridegroom, but he had a gentle-manly air that was taking, and I do not know but what that showed him to be upright. He improved in appearance as years rolled on, and he had a wide experience of life and of its sorrows. thought him, on the whole, the most seductive of all the royalties who came to Paris in 1878 as heads of royal commissions to the exhibition. Il tenaiti ease, simple grace and quiet dignity than any of them, and had a nice way of making the ladies feel that he con sidered them his equals.

With them he entirely thawed. The frightful face brightened up, as he chatted for a few moments with each, with a smile of penetrating sweetness. It was the smile of one in whose life there had been far more sadness than of joy.
To begin with: He had the low spirits
which go with a narrow and delicate
chest, an organic defect inherited from his mother, Adelaide of Tuscany, a princess, who died of consumption. Though one of the bravest men that ever lived, he had a horror of death and of the possibilities of another world. His greatest sorrow was his first wife's

As he was not, when he next mar ried, the right sort of a husband for a young princess with, to quote her aunt Mathilde, "the lively blood of the women of her family," the fatal char-acter of his attack of influenza may have saved him from more bitter grie than any that he ever went through.

THE LARGEST PHYSICIANS' FEE. Dr. Willard Parker Received a Hun-From the New York Stur.

"What was the largest fee ever paid to a physician?" a friend asks. Doctors as a rule, are reticent about their fees but there is a story, probably authentic, that Dr. Willard Parker was paid \$100,000 for the successful removal of an excressence from the face and neck of the son and heir of one of the wealththiest families in the vicinity of New York.

Commodore Vanderbilt bequeathed \$20,000 to one of his doctors; but millionaires seldom remember the physician in their wills. They leave that to be settled by the executors. Dr. Par-ker's fee in the case alluded to is pro-bably the largest ever paid, in this country at least.

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